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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
YASUHIRO SHIMADA ET AL. ) : Examiner: Stephen K. Yam  
Application No.: 09/879,905 ) : Group Art Unit: 2878  
Filed: June 14, 2001 ) :  
For: PROBE WITH HOLLOW ) :  
WAVEGUIDE AND METHOD ) :  
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME ) : September 28, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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